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GENERAL GRAZIANI

General Graziani, former chief of the major staff of the French army, who has been appointed commander of the Legion of Honor. He was obliged to relinquish his former important position because of Illness.

## BCMB PAGUA CHURCH

Enemy Airplane Raiders Set Fire to Famed Edifice.

Titian Frescoes of the Birth of Christ Saved When Building Is Damaged.

Berlin, Jan. 1 .- French forces on the northern Italian front took the offensive and penetrated portions of the Austro-German positions on Monte Tomba, the German general stuff an-

Padua, Jan. 1.-The ancient monumental Carmini church of Padua, containing frescoes by Titlan and Campagnola, was the center of a vast conflagration which lighted up the skies for miles around. The fire started from incendiary hombs dropped by enemy hippines in another that, watch buttered wide destruction and death.

The dome of the massive clurch and the copper roof save the main | plies are arriving. structure and paintings from destruction. The bomb hit the outer edge of the dome, which was soon a flery furnace rising 160 feet in the center of the

One building was pierced from top to bottom and torn to pleces by a bomb which buried four persons, three of whom were children. The Church of Sanvalentine and the ancient palace were hit and partly wrecked. Other private buildings also were struck.

While destruction of property was great reports indicate the loss of life was not as severe as on Friday night.

The correspondent visited the Carmini church, where mass was proceeding in the baptistry. The famous frescoes were intact .- The altar was covered with wreckage, but the walls and roof had not been damaged greatly. A number of hangings and tapestries were burned by red-hot metal from the roof. The tall Campanile was saved and the bells were ringing, A monument to Petrarch in an adjoining square was scorched and surrounded by debris from collapsed houses.

The frescoes saved were the meeting of Joachim and Anna by Titian and the birth of Christ and the adoration of the Magi by Campagnola. The Carmini church was erected to commemorate the end of the brutal tyranny of one of the Hohenstauffen chiefs who raided northern Italy 700 years ago.

#### HOUSE PARTIES NEARLY EVEN

On Reconvening Democrats Will Have 211, Republicans 209, and Independents 6.

Washington, Jan. 1.-How close the political balance in the house will be when congress reconvenes on January 3 is shown by this summary made by South Trimble, clerk of the house;

Total membership, 435; Democrats, 211; Republicans, 200; independent groups, six; vacancies, nine.

The vacancies are by resignations of Representatives Fitzgerald, Griffin and Bruckner of New York and Adamson of Georgia, deaths of Representatives Bathrick of Ohio and Martin of Illinois, and absences on army service of Representative Johnson of South Dakota, Laguardia of New York, and Heintz of Ohlo.

#### BRITISH DOWN 5 AIRPLANES

German Flyers Destroyed or Put Out of Action Without Loss to the English.

London, Jan. 1.-Five German airplanes were destroyed or put out of none of theirs, says an official statement given out here.

# FIERCE BATTLE IN EAST SIBERIA

City of Irkutsk in Flames as Cossacks and Red Guards Fight.

## KRONSTADT FORT BLOWN UP

Dispatch to London Times Tells of Extremely Violent Explosion at Great Naval Base-General Kaledines Re-elected Cossack Hetman.

London, Jan. 1 .- One of the fortsof the naval base at Kronstadt has been blown up by a violent explosion, according to a Petrograd dispatch to

London, Jan. 1 .- Correspondents of Reuters' Limited at Peking, Harbin and Petrograd report fighting at Irkutsk, East Siberia, between regular troops and Red Guards and Cossacks and military cadets. The fighting is of the flercest character and has lasted nearly a week.

Entire Town Ablaze. The entire town is said to be affre. Some quarters of it have been de-

stroyed. The local branch of the state bank, the telegraph office and other buildings have been burned. The population is starving. The maximalists have received re-enforcements from Krasnovarsk.

The dispatches add that the Red Gunrds have murdered the French consular agent and two other Frenchmen in Irkutsk.

Rioting also is reported in Vladivostok and the situation in Harbin is said to be serious. The Chinese are endeavoring to send troops to Vladi-

#### Kaledines Elected.

A telegram received in Petrograd from Novo Tcherkack, capital of the territory of the Don Cossneks, aunounces that General Kaledines, who recently resigned as betman of the Cossacks on the ground that there was opposition to him at the from has been in electricity 502 out of a total

Moscow reports rallway communiburned throughout the night, making ention with the south has been a majestic spectacle, but the solidity stopped, sections of the track having of the ancient walls, dating from 1250, been destroyed, and that no food sup-

of 658 votes.

Cossack leader Karauloff, former member of the duma, and his brother have been murdered while Journeying from Vladikavkaz, in Ciscaucasia, to Yekaterinodar to attend a Cossack military

#### TEN DIE FROM THE COLD

Zero Weather Grips New York-U. S. Will Rush Coal to Shivering People.

New York, Jan. 1 .- A lengthened death roll, a rapidty dwindling coal supply, and weather bureau officials' predictions that the cold spell would keep the mercury hovering about the zero mark throughout the next 24 hours, made winter's grip on New York and vicinity a grim actuality. Ten persons had perished from the

Washington, Jan. 1. - Immediate measures will be taken to relieve the coal shortage in New England and in New York, Secretary McAdoo, director general of railroads, announced. Orders, he said, will be Issued before night, giving to coal shipments preferential movement.

#### WIN WAR, MISSOURI MESSAGE

Governor Gardner of "Show Me" State Denounces Fault-Finding With Wilson.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 1.-The war will be won because the people of the United States are in full sympathy with the war, Gov. Frederick D. Gardner of Missouri declared in a New Year's statement. Continuing, the gov-

ernor says: "The people of Missouri, regardless of political affiliations, are in thorough accord with the president. They feel that the president should not be harassed by fault-finding and destructive criticism, all of which is bound to give aid, comfort and encouragement to the enemy."

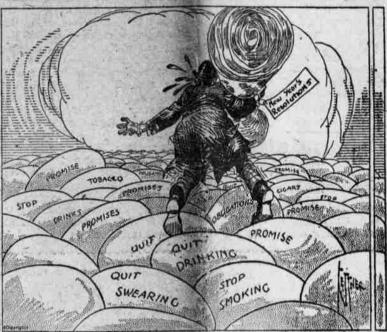
#### OPPOSE GERMAN TEACHING U.S. FLYER KILLED IN FRANCE

Lutheran Pastors in Nebraska Adopt Resolutions of Loyalty to the U. S. Government.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1,-At a meeting held at Seward, Neb., the pastors and tenchers of the German Lutheran church in Nebraska of the Missouri synod adopted resolutions of loyalty to the United States government and recemmended the cessation of German action Sunday by the British, who lost language instruction in all parochial schools of the state for the duration of

the war.

# Walking on Eggs



AGAINST THE GERMANS TO OFF- the Illinois state council of defense, SET THE DEFECTION OF RUSSIA.

There is To Be Co-ordinated Effort, Not Only in Fighting on Land and Sea, Eut in Production at Home-Speed Up on All Work.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. to send a great army against the Germans in time to offset the defection the publication by Secretary Lansing mendations of the American mission, headed by Colonel E. M. House, which recently participated in interallied war conferences in Europe. Fighting men from the United States will dross the Minntly in a laws and Nouse

sight a stream as is humanly possible France and England not only will furnish transports to help take the sol- of Gov. Estaban Cantu of Lower Calldiers across, but will see that any deficiencies in arms and equipment are made on the other side.

which the co-belligerents planned to Lansing. pool their fighting resources and move as a unit toward driving the Germans and their allies out of conquered territory and crushing the Teutonic world domination scheme. There is to be coordinated effort, not only in fighting on land and sea, but in production at home and in the vast ship-building projects upon which depends the vital problem of maintaining uninterrupted transportation in spite of submarines Even before Colonel House and his as sociates on the American mission speed up war preparations here had been set in motion.

In the announcement is seen the ex discontinued. planation of the reorganization of the War Department control embraced in the formation of the new War Council of general officers, of renewed efforts o speed up the Shipping Board's merchant building program, and possibly of the decision of the Administration to take over all the nation's railroads without waiting for action by Congress. Other indications of the new pressure applied since the House mission returned are manifest about the Navy and War Departments, but most of the things being done can not be dis cussed publicly for military reasons. It can be stated authoritatively, however, that definite steps to make good the continued severe cold weather. Appledges given to the allied leaders by proximately 25,000 pupils are affected. Colonel House already have been

Fifty-nine Persons Paroled. Columbus, O .- Fifty-four prisoners in the Ohio Penitentiary were granted parole, and five given final releases by the Board of Clemency at its meeting. No announcement was made on the pardon case pending. Sentence served by the men ran from 14 months to 11 years. More than half the men in the Ohio Penitentiary are nonresident of the state, and a policy has been adopted of encouraging men to return home when released. A place

to work was waiting for each man.

American Aviator Fails While Making Test Flight-Lives to Report Observations.

Paris, Jan. 1 .- An American aviator was killed Sunday while making a test flight at an aviation center before French and American pilots and observation aviators. Although the wind was blowing violently, he made a loop successfully, but on attempting to repeat the feat he fell. He was dying when picked up, but insisted on reporting to his American comrades the observations he had made.

## SPOOR APPEALS TO FARMER

Gives Twelve Arguments for Raising of More Live Stock-High Mark to Be Eclipsed.

appeal by John A. Spoor, member of advancing twelve reasons why farmers should raise more live stock as a far measure, the annual report of the ck yards operating company for the ven months ending December 24 was Issued.

The report, prepared by the statistient department, indicates that even the high-water mark of prosperity set in the local meat industry during 1916 Western Newspaper Union News Service, will be eclipsed when the twelve-month Washington.—America has agreed figures for 1917 are available.

#### of Russia. This was disclosed through WOULD SECEDE FROM MEXICO

of the review of the work and recom- Gov. Estaban Cantu of Lower Callfornia Appoints an Envoy to Washington.

> San Francisco, Jan. 1.-Fielding J. fiscer, a was Angeles capitalist, and and has lasted nearly a week. he was to be appointed "diplomiddle representative at Washington"

"I believe," he said, "this foreshadows the secession of Lower California | Krasnovarsk,

#### Big Price for Horse. Cincinnati, O., Jan. 1,-I. K. S. Ross,

the Canadian turf king, purchased the

Electric Advertising Discontinued. New York.-The business streets of New York City and cities and towns throughout the state will be dark on lightless nights, except for regular street lights, under an order promulreached home the machinery to again gated by the State Fuel Administration, requiring that electric advertising and display signs of all kinds be

> Officials and Engineer Indicted. Shepherdsville, Ky.-Three officials of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company were indicted by the Bullitt County Grand Jury on the charge of "creating and maintaining a common nuisance" in connection with a collision between passenger trains here December 20, in which more than 40 persons were killed.

#### Schools Kept Closed.

Philadelphia. - Forty-three public schools in this city failed to open after the Christmas recess as a result of the Lack of coal forced the closing of most of the schools, while others were losed because of frozen pipes in heating apparatus and boiler trouble.

First Snow in Twenty Years. Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1.-The first snow in Jacksonville in twenty years fell here, but it was of short duration. Northern Florida is in the grip of a cold wave.

Russ Raid Union for Defense. Petrograd, Jan. 1.—The commission ppointed to prevent a counter-revoluion raided the premises of the Union for Defense of the constituent assembly. About a dozen arrests were made.

#### Another Bazar Scandal!

New York.-Charges that only \$13, 000 of \$60,000 raised at the Italian bazaar held here in November, 1916, went to destitute families of Italian soldiers, placed in possession of the District Attorney, elicited from him promise of an investigation.

#### Injured By Explosion.

Whitesburg, Ky.-Two men were fatally injured and a number of others less seriously hurt in a powder explosion on construction work near here.

# **BRITAIN TO REPLY** TO PEACE PLANS

Prepares Serious and Reasoned Answer, Declares the Manchester Guardian.

### PREMIER TO SEE CLEMENCEAU

London Times Petrograd Correspondent Says Bolshevikl Revolt Was Managed by Germans, and That Movement Is Anti-Russian.

London, Jan. 1.—The Manchester Guardian says it is the intention of the British government, when the Austro-German terms of peace are presented officially, to return a serious and rea-soned reply. Premier Lloyd George has arranged to visit France, according to the newspaper, to confer with Premier Clemenceau on this subject.

London, Jan. 1.-The Times prints a long letter from its Petrograd correspondent dated Saturday, which pur-Chicago, Jan. 1.—Accompanying an ports to substantiate the view that the bolsheviki revolt was maanged by Germany, and that the movement is essentially antinational and anti-Russian. The letter says:

"It is a notorious fact and has been proved by documents in possession of the Kerensky government that Germany commissioned Lenine and gave him money to go to Russia to sow disaffection in the Russian army."

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This was one of the great decisions from Mexico." Mr. Stilson said he The dispatches add that the red The Petrograd Den states that the reached at the conference through was a cousin by marriage of Secretary guards have murdered the French consular agent and two other Frenchmen in Irkutsk.

The bolsheviki government is extremely efficient, energetic and decisive, though faced by noisy opposition great Kentucky race sire Marathon for from the privileged classes who are doing all they can to check it by sabotage and libel, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Dally

> Bolsheviki Rule With Force. The correspondent, who has just re turned to Petrograd after a lengthy visit in England, says that the city is more orderly than for some months before the bolsheviki took control. The people may not like the bolsheviki, he declares, but they obey them with startling alacrity, and the government is based on real force.

The constitutional assembly, the correspondent hears, will meet as soon as delegates from the Ukraine arrive, perhaps in ten days. He asserts that whatever is the decision of the assembly as constituted at present it will not alter the essential direction of Russian policy, although it might, by weakening the government at home, weaken it in its dealings with the Germans.

Any attempt to turn out the bolsheviki government by force would result only in anarchy favorable to the Germans, says the correspondent, who does not believe that such force is available. He writes enthusiastically about Leon Trotzky, the bolsheviki foreign minister, who told him that the war would be decided by social rather than military pressure.

#### BRITISH WIN IN PALESTINE

Gen. Allenby Advances Another Three Miles.

London, Jan. 1 .- The forces under General Allenby in Palestine have advanced another three miles along the Nablus road, according to the official statement issued here, and after stubborn resistance have occupied Birch, the ancient name of which is Beeroth. East of the road, Hizmehgereh was taken, west of the road the ridge of Rawllah and Kettireh was occupied. In the center of the line mounted troops advanced to Khurbetha, Ibuharith and Deirekuddis.

Arms Concern Discharge 2,500 Men. Bridgeport, Conn.-The collapse of the former Russian Government and its failure to keep its part of contracts for war supplies, work on which has been in progress here for a long time. caused the discharge of 2,500 men by the Remington Arms and Ammunition Co., the company announced. Rifles and bayonets are called for in the con-

#### LADY ENID VANE



Lady Enid Vane, wife of Maj. Henry Cecil Vane of the Yorkshire Hussars, heir of the ninth Baron Barnard, was formerly Lady Enid Victoria Fane, daughter of the earl of Westmorland. Lady Enid has introduced many ways of bettering the condition of the families left behind. Charity bazaars in which she helped raised considerable funds to provide comforts for soldiers. She has been devoting practically all of her time to war relief duties and she has accomplished a great deal of good. Lady Enid is one of the most beautiful ladies in the British nobility.

# **GERMANS TO REGISTER**

Correspondents of Reuter's Limited United States to List Enemy Aliens in February.

> All Male Subjects of the Kaiser More Than Fourteen Years Old Must

Fill Out Questionnairs. Washington, Jan. 1.- Registration of all German allen enemies will be made in the first week of February. Rules and regulations for the registration were made public by the de-

partment of justice. The questionnaire requires a most trant and includes photographs in quadruplicate and finger prints. Women are not required to register, but all German males of fourteen years or more within the United States or its possessions, who have not acquired full citizenship, must comply with the regulations or suffer the penalties provided.

The registration will be conducted by the police and postal authorities throughout the United States and by especially delegated authorities at a time still to be designated in American insular possessions.

These registration laws require that no alien enemy move from one place of abode to another within his registration district without a premit.

No enemy alien may change his place of residence from one registration district to another without first obtaining a permit from his registration district, making application on a form furnished by the department of justice, and notice must be given at once to the registrar of the district of the new place of residence.

Any German subject to registration who does not register or uses the registration card of another, or makes false statements or representation. shall be deemed to have violated the regulations and may be interned or punished otherwise.

"Registrants are not to be treated as persons of evil disposition," the regulations read, "and the registration officers are urged to deal with them in a courteous and friendly manner."

#### YEAR'S EXPORTS SIX BILLIONS

United States Record Broken-Trade Balance \$3,150,000,000, Is the Official Report.

Washington, Jan. 1 .- America's exports were estimated at the department of commerce to have passed the \$6,000,000,000 mark in 1917, a new high record. Imports were less than \$3,000,000,000, and the trade balance in favor of the United States probably will be more than \$3,150,000,000.

Heavy Fines Brawn For Hoarding. London.-Marie Corelli, novelist, and Lady Mabel Gore Langton, sister of Earl Temple, were among victims of the Food Controller's regulations against hoarding food, the former being fined £50 and £20 costs, while Lady Langton was fined £80. Miss Corelli was charged with having purchased excessive quantities of sugar. In her defense she said the sugar was to be used in making jam. Lady Langton was accused of having purchased excessive quantities of tea, coffee, sugar and other provisions.